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OMIGOSH- I-MISSED-YOU-SO-MUCH!
HEY, MINA! WELCOME HOME!
AND WHAT A GORGEOUS NEW HOME IT IS! BUT FIRST, ME AND ASH HAD SOME SERIOUS TALKS ON TOUR, AND HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY. RIGHT, ASH?
ER...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Hero of Mobius
MINA MONGOOSE Super-Star
MAMMOTH MOGUL Demi-god
MILES "TAILS" PROWER Best Buddy
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO The Only One There Is

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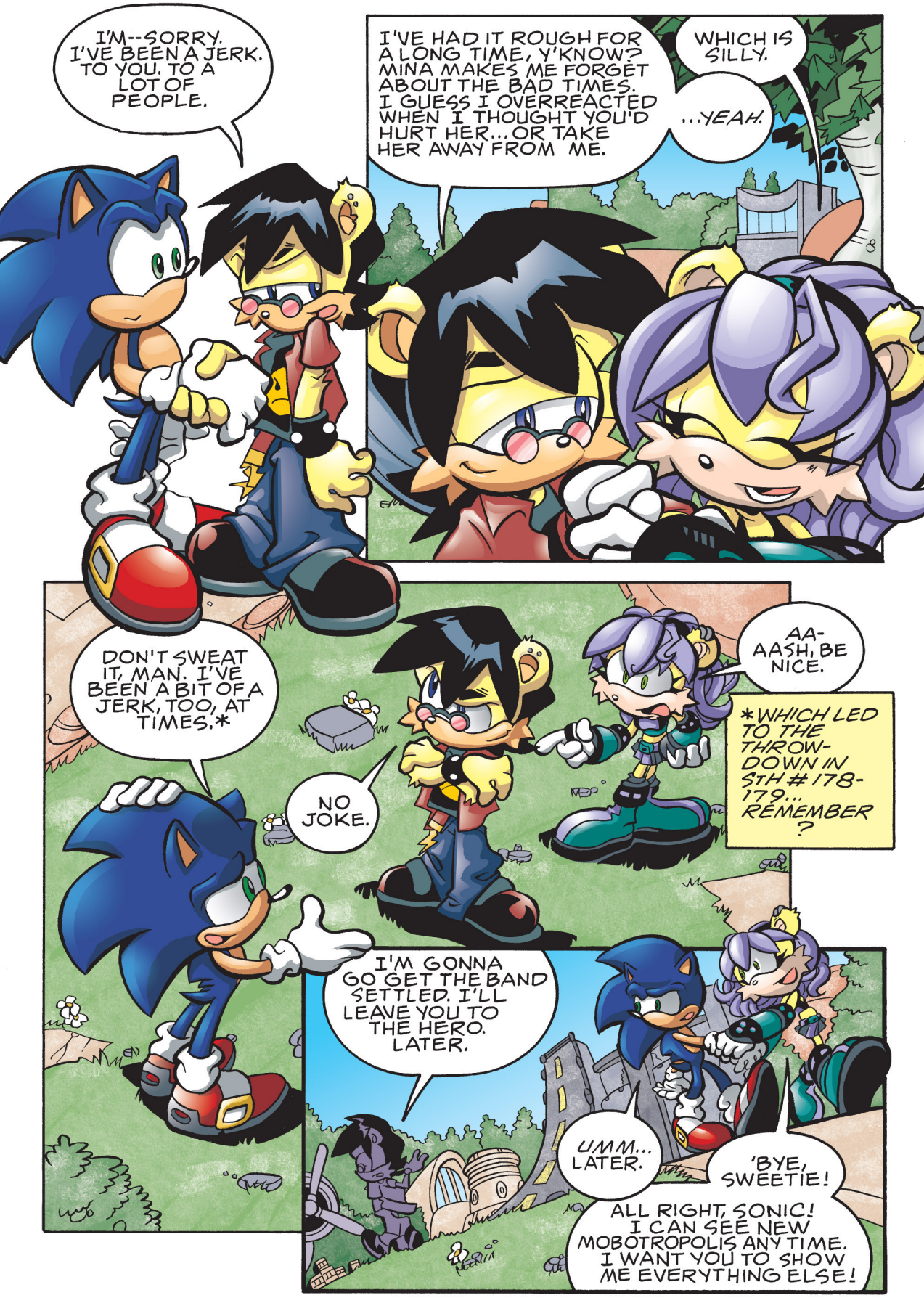
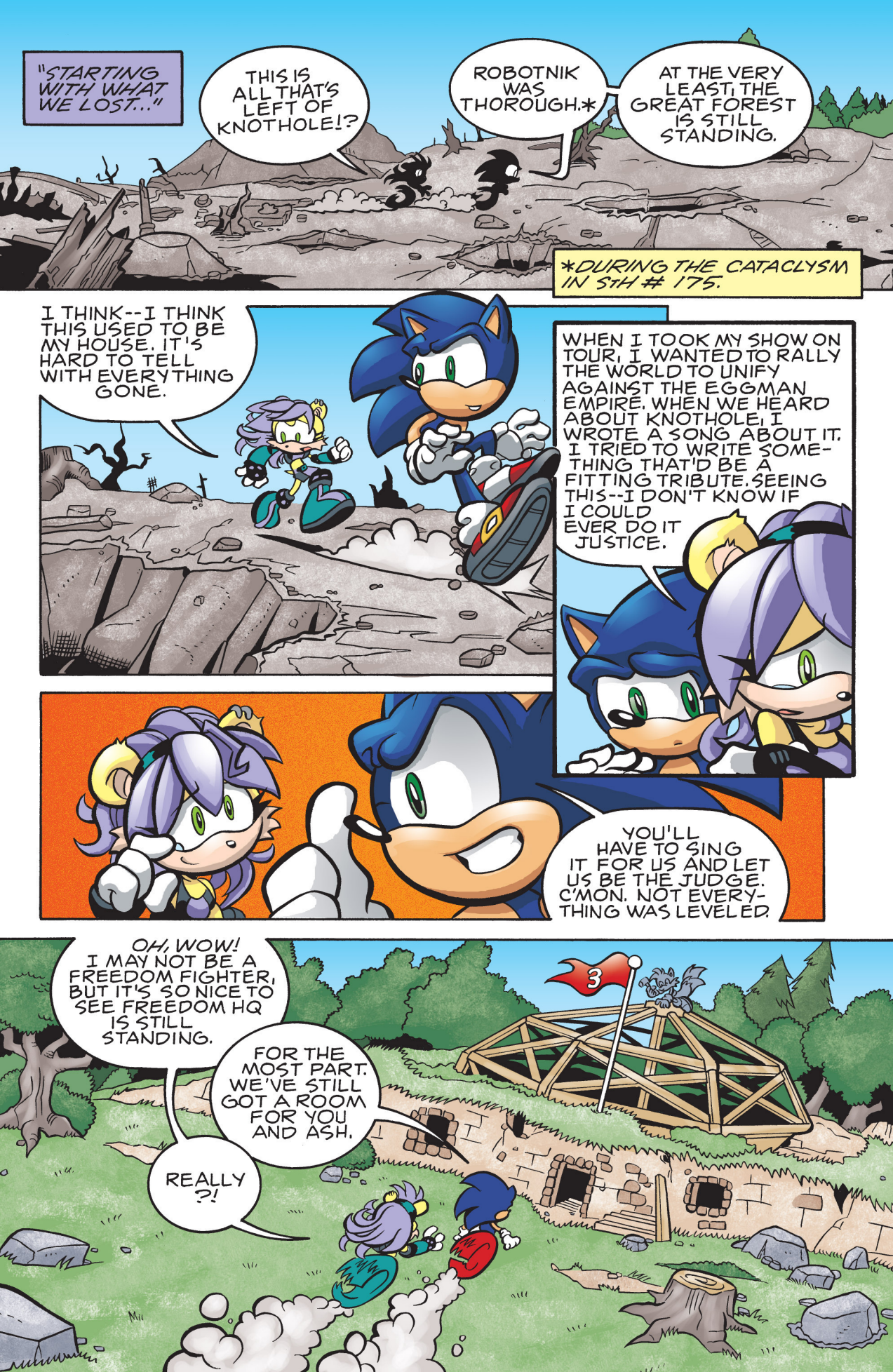
Mogul RISING

Part One: NEEDFUL THINGS


I'M--SORRY. I'VE BEEN A JERK. TO YOU. TO A LOT OF PEOPLE.
I'VE HAD IT ROUGH FOR A LONG TIME, Y'KNOW? MINA MAKES ME FORGET ABOUT THE BAD TIMES. I GUESS I OVERREACTED WHEN I THOUGHT YOU'D HURT HER...OR TAKE HER AWAY FROM ME.
WHICH IS SILLY.
...YEAH.
DON'T SWEAT IT, MAN. I'VE BEEN A BIT OF A JERK, TOO, AT TIMES.*
NO JOKE.
AA-AASH, BE NICE.
*WHICH LED TO THE THROW-DOWN IN STH # 178-179... REMEMBER?
I'M GONNA GO GET THE BAND SETTLED. I'LL LEAVE YOU TO THE HERO. LATER.
UMM... LATER.
'BYE, SWEETIE!
ALL RIGHT, SONIC! I CAN SEE NEW MOBOTROPOLIS ANY TIME. I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME EVERYTHING ELSE!


"STARTING WITH WHAT WE LOST..."
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF KNOTHOLE!?
ROBOTNIK WAS THOROUGH.*
AT THE VERY LEAST, THE GREAT FOREST IS STILL STANDING.
*DURING THE CATACLYSM IN STH # 175.
I THINK--I THINK THIS USED TO BE MY HOUSE. IT'S HARD TO TELL WITH EVERYTHING GONE.
WHEN I TOOK MY SHOW ON TOUR, I WANTED TO RALLY THE WORLD TO UNIFY AGAINST THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT KNOTHOLE, I WROTE A SONG ABOUT IT. I TRIED TO WRITE SOMETHING THAT'D BE A FITTING TRIBUTE. SEEING THIS--I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD EVER DO IT JUSTICE.
YOU'LL HAVE TO SING IT FOR US AND LET US BE THE JUDGE. C'MON. NOT EVERYTHING WAS LEVELED.
OH, WOW! I MAY NOT BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT IT'S SO NICE TO SEE FREEDOM HQ IS STILL STANDING.
FOR THE MOST PART. WE'VE STILL GOT A ROOM FOR YOU AND ASH.
REALLY ?!
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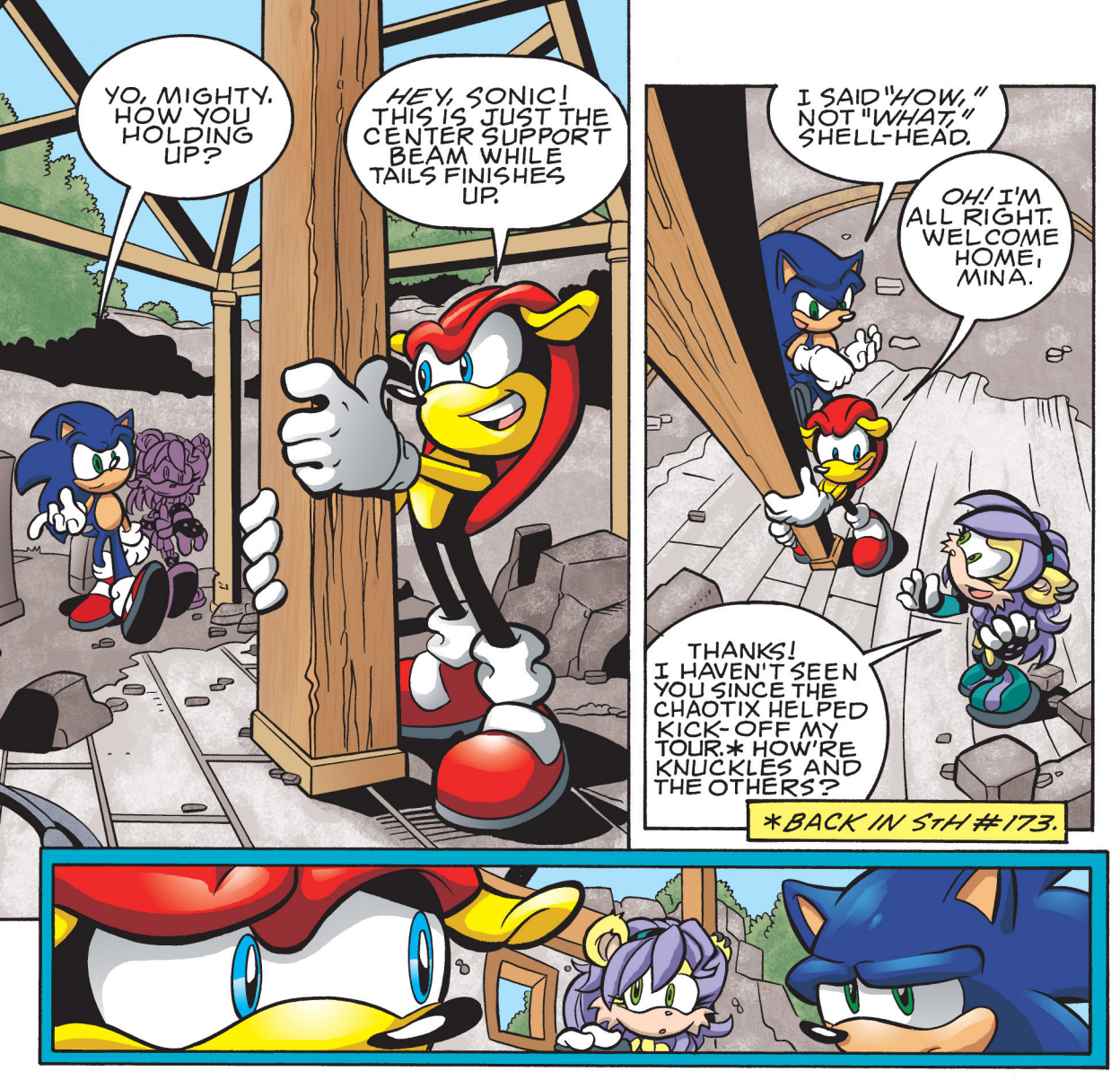
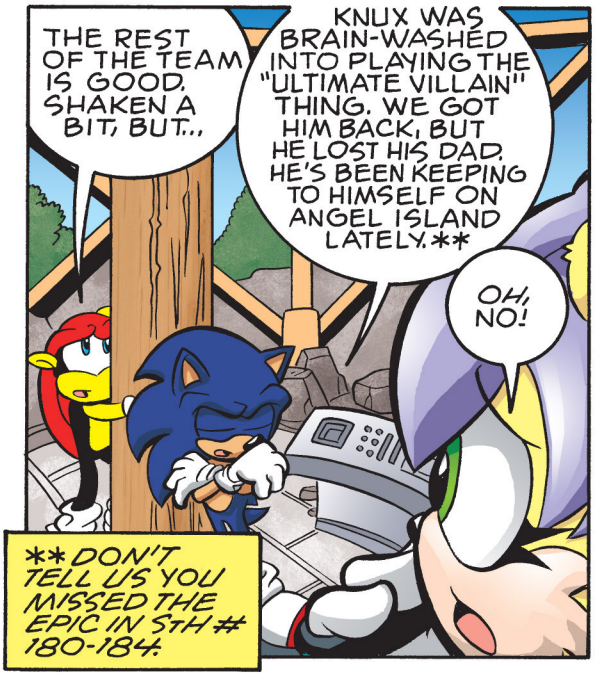
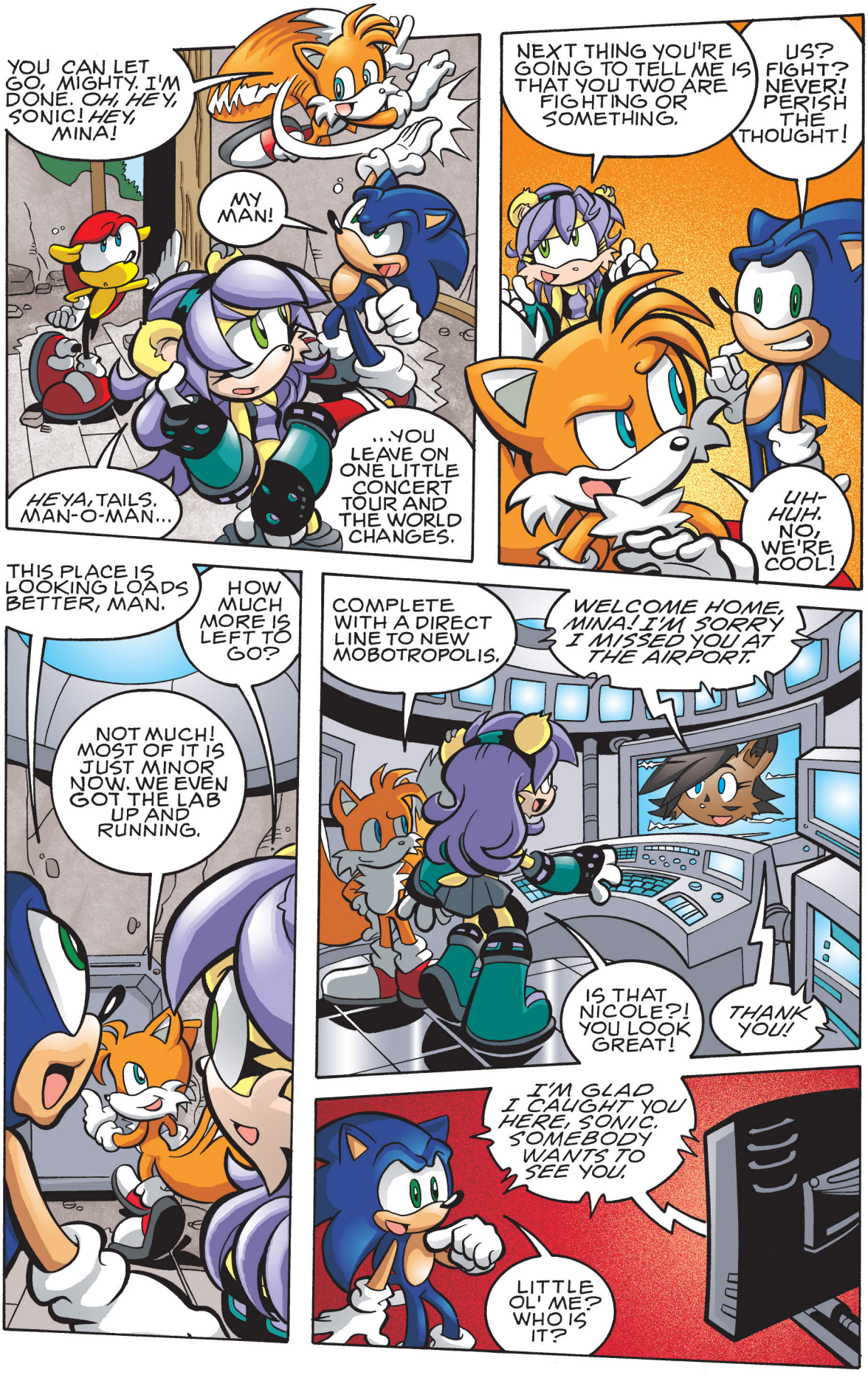
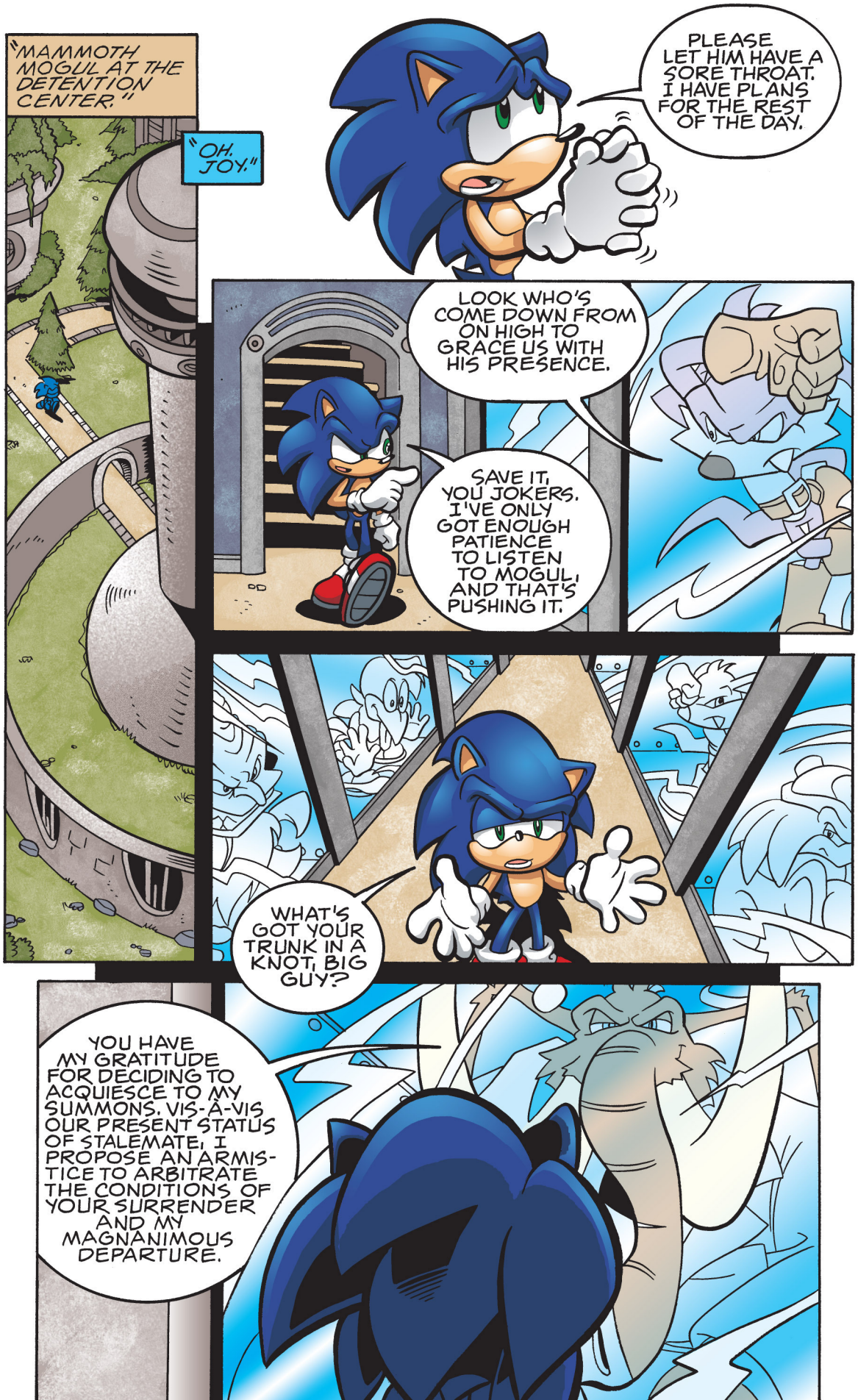
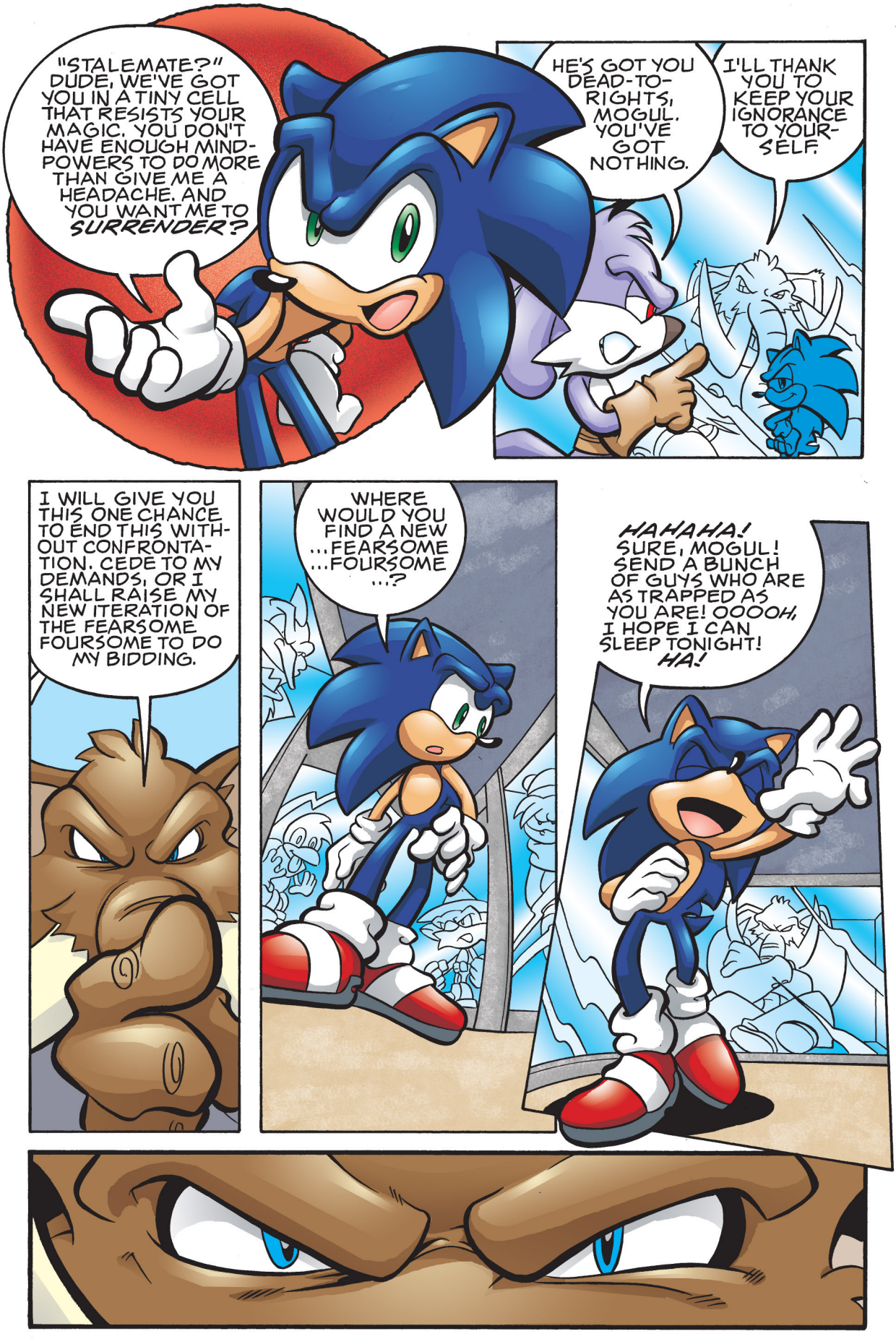

YO, MIGHTY. HOW YOU HOLDING UP?
HEY, SONIC! THIS IS JUST THE CENTER SUPPORT BEAM WHILE TAILS FINISHES UP.
I SAID "HOW," NOT "WHAT," SHELL-HEAD.
OH! I'M ALL RIGHT. WELCOME HOME, MINA.
THANKS! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE CHAOTIX HELPED KICK-OFF MY TOUR.* HOW'RE KNUCKLES AND THE OTHERS?
*BACK IN STH #173.

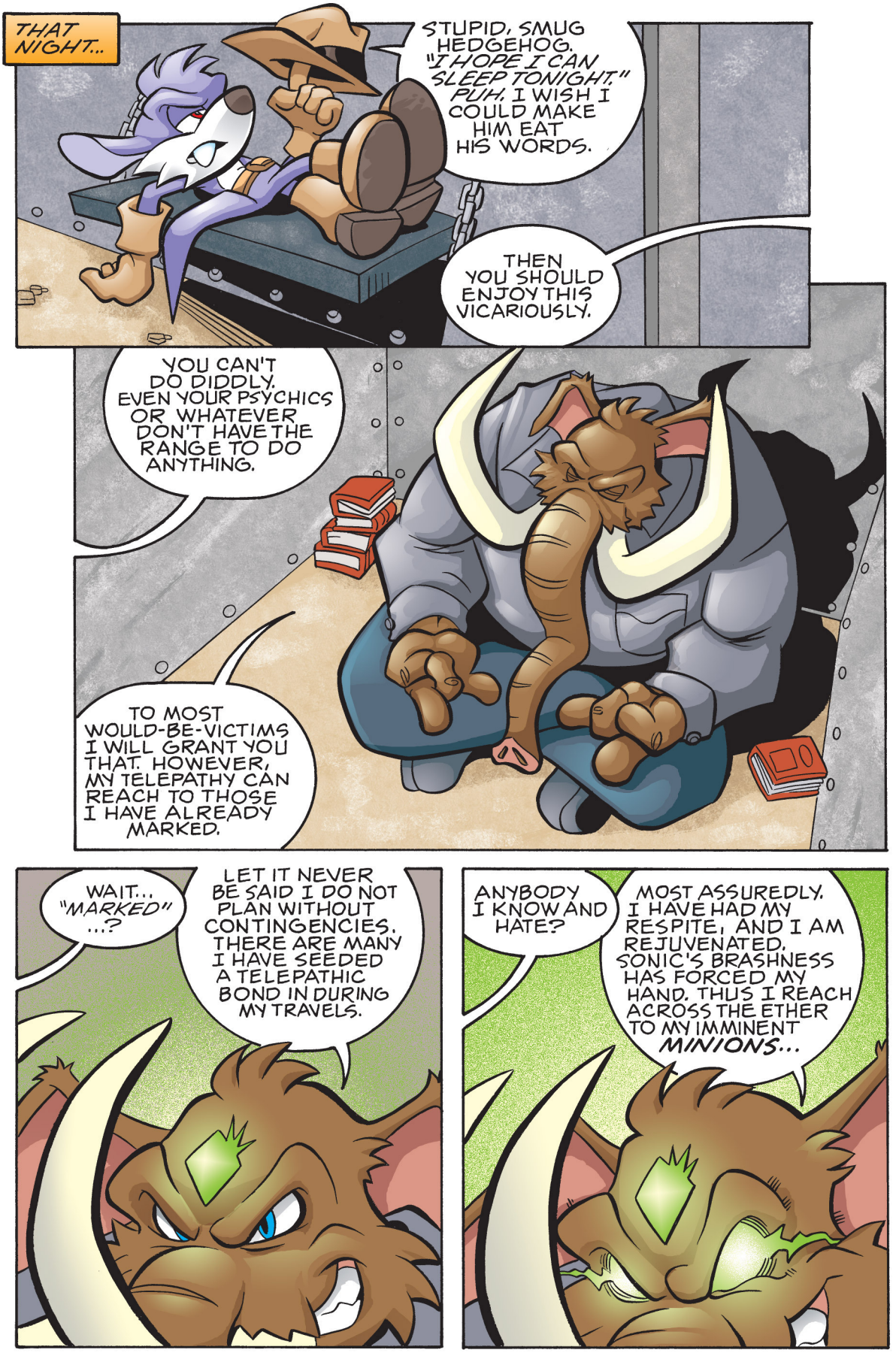

THE REST OF THE TEAM IS GOOD. SHAKEN A BIT, BUT...
KNUX WAS BRAIN-WASHED INTO PLAYING THE "ULTIMATE VILLAIN" THING. WE GOT HIM BACK, BUT HE LOST HIS DAD. HE'S BEEN KEEPING TO HIMSELF ON ANGEL ISLAND LATELY.**
OH, NO!
**DON'T TELL US YOU MISSED THE EPIC IN STH # 180-184.

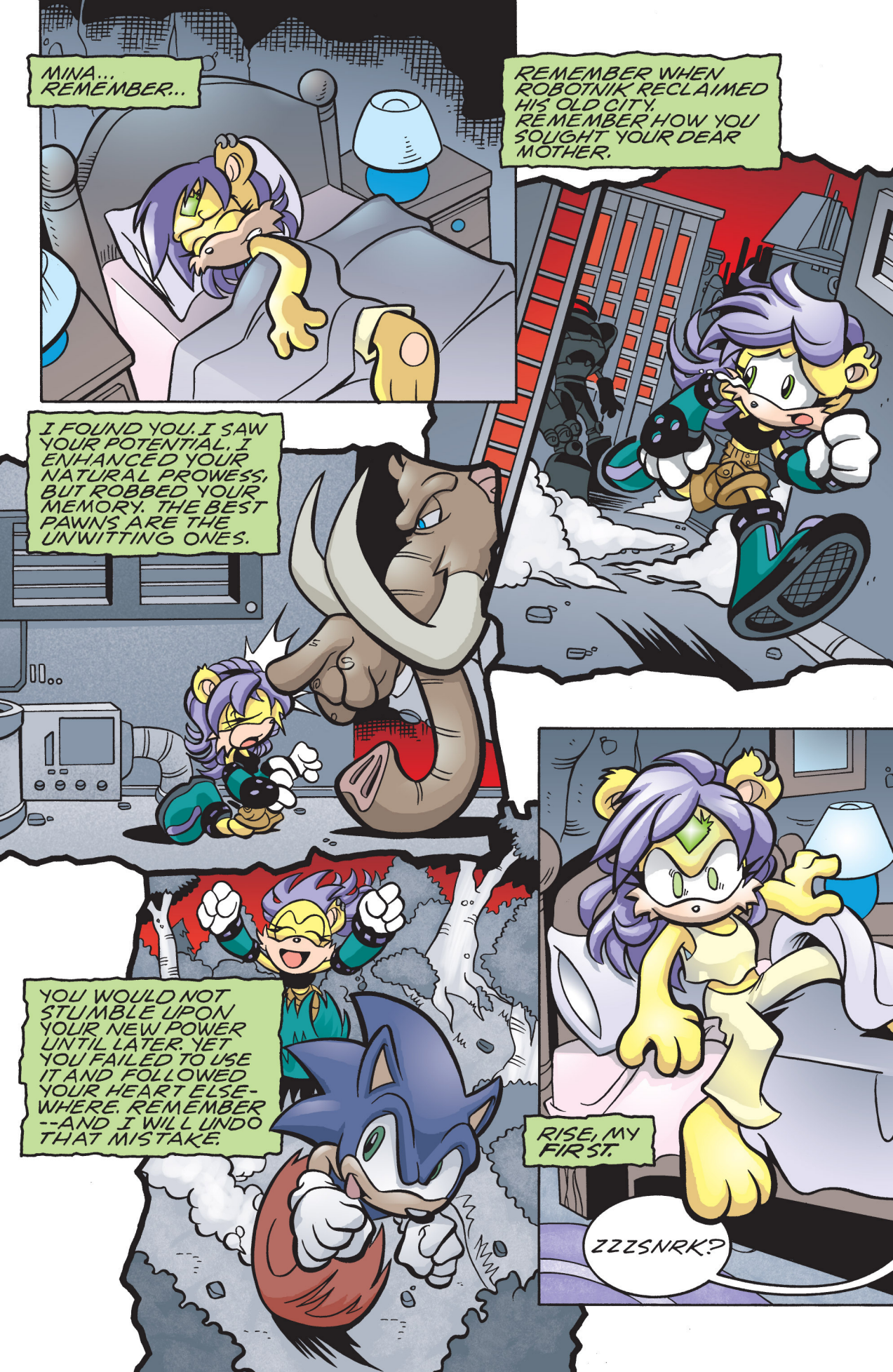
MOST OF THE CHAOTIX ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM, BUT HE'S TAKING THINGS REALLY ROUGH...
IT'LL BE OKAY, DUDE. YOU KNOW KNUCKLES. HE'LL COME AROUND.

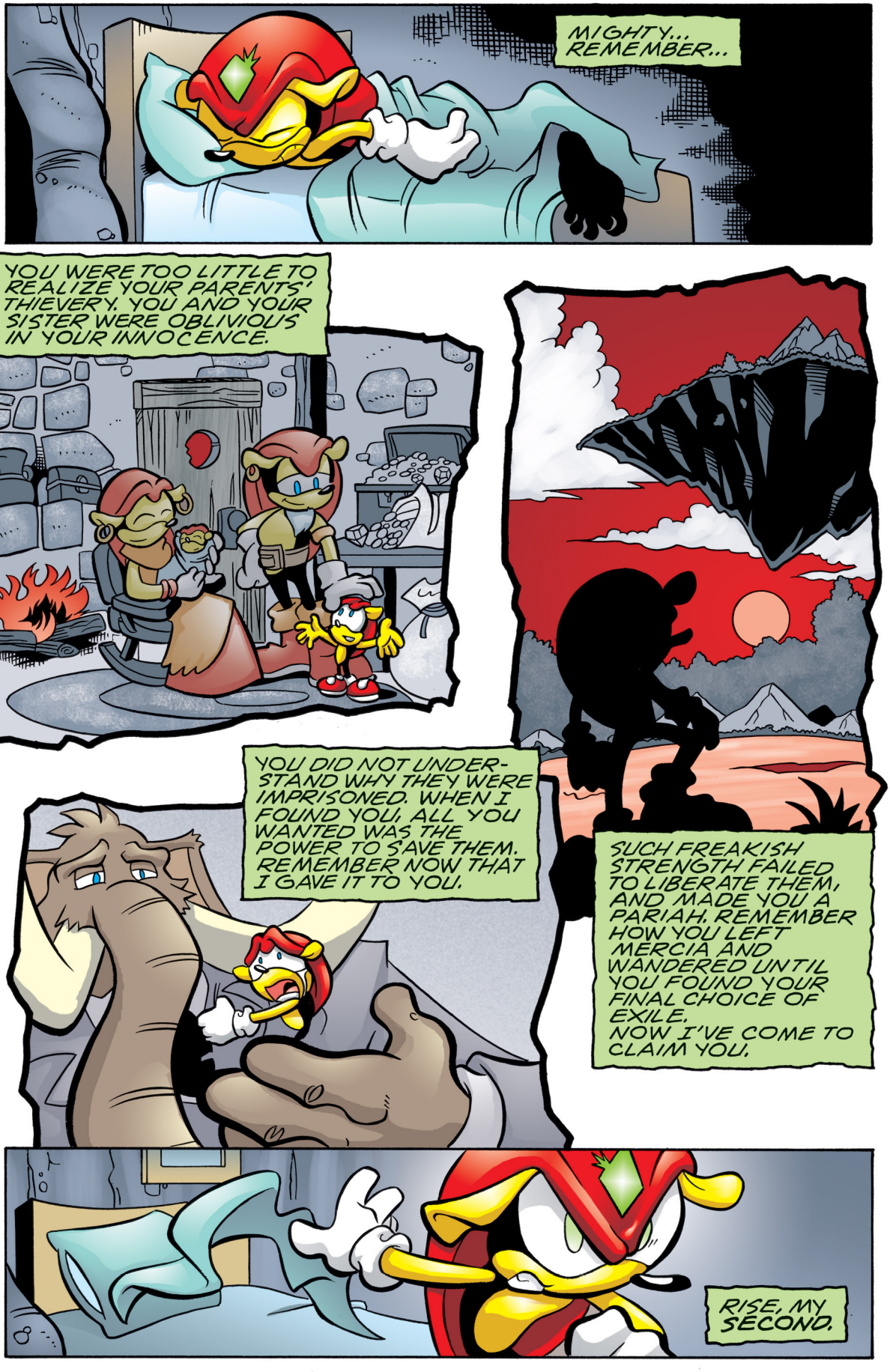

YOU CAN LET GO, MIGHTY. I'M DONE. OH, HEY, SONIC! HEY, MINA!
MY MAN!
HEYA, TAILS. MAN-O-MAN...
...YOU LEAVE ON ONE LITTLE CONCERT TOUR AND THE WORLD CHANGES.
NEXT THING YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME IS THAT YOU TWO ARE FIGHTING OR SOMETHING.
US? FIGHT? NEVER! PERISH THE THOUGHT!
UH-HUH. NO, WE'RE COOL!
THIS PLACE IS LOOKING LOADS BETTER, MAN.
HOW MUCH MORE IS LEFT TO GO?
NOT MUCH! MOST OF IT IS JUST MINOR NOW. WE EVEN GOT THE LAB UP AND RUNNING.
COMPLETE WITH A DIRECT LINE TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS.
WELCOME HOME, MINA! I'M SORRY I MISSED YOU AT THE AIRPORT.
IS THAT NICOLE?! YOU LOOK GREAT!
THANK YOU!
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT YOU HERE, SONIC. SOMEBODY WANTS TO SEE YOU.
LITTLE OL' ME? WHO IS IT?

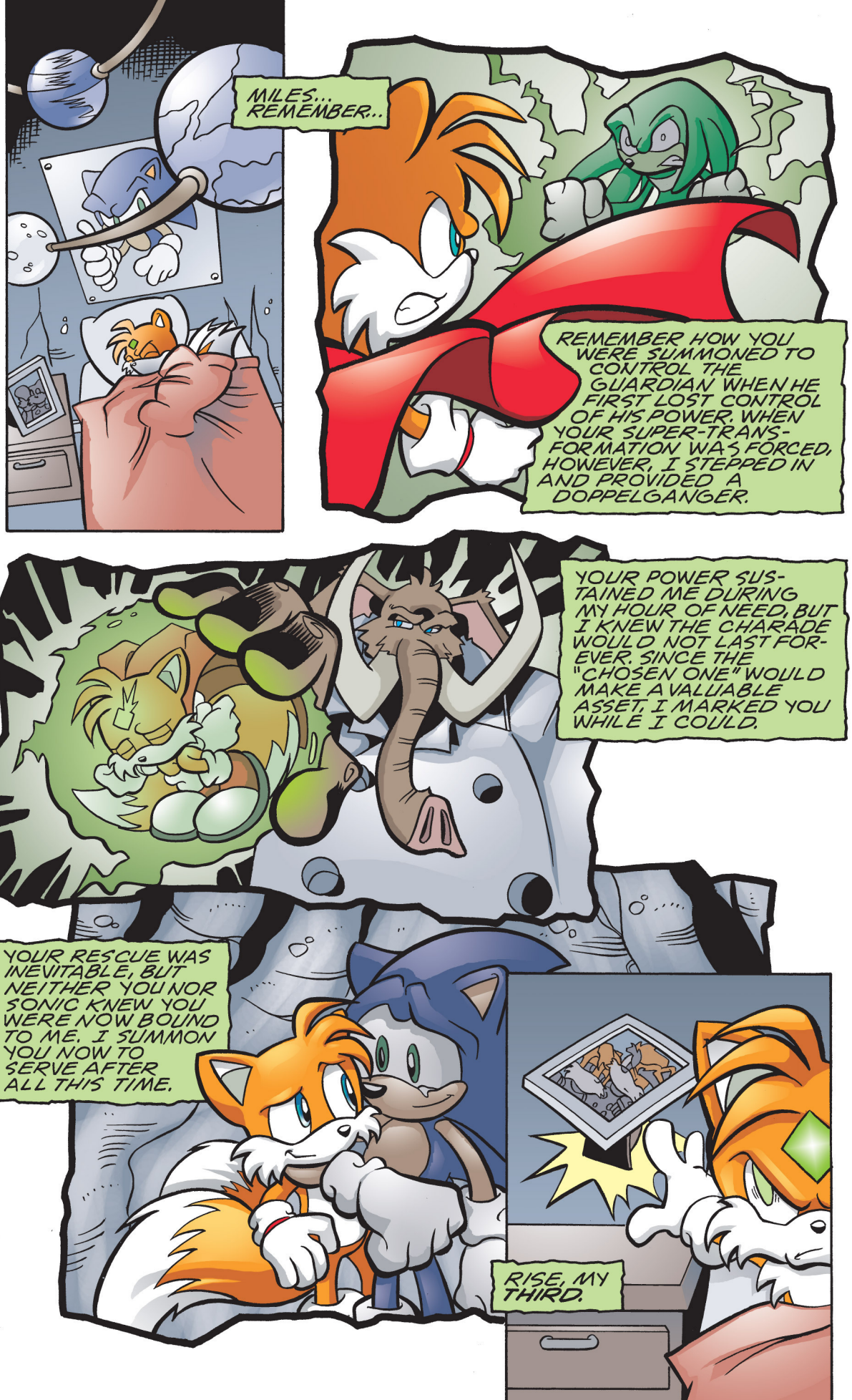

"MAMMOTH MOGUL AT THE DETENTION CENTER."
"OH. JOY."
PLEASE LET HIM HAVE A SORE THROAT. I HAVE PLANS FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
LOOK WHO'S COME DOWN FROM ON HIGH TO GRACE US WITH HIS PRESENCE.
SAVE IT, YOU JOKERS. I'VE ONLY GOT ENOUGH PATIENCE TO LISTEN TO MOGUL, AND THAT'S PUSHING IT.
WHAT'S GOT YOUR TRUNK IN A KNOT, BIG GUY?
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE FOR DECIDING TO ACQUIESCE TO MY SUMMONS. VIS-À-VIS OUR PRESENT STATUS OF STALEMATE, I PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE TO ARBITRATE THE CONDITIONS OF YOUR SURRENDER AND MY MAGNANIMOUS DEPARTURE.


"STALEMATE?" DUDE, WE'VE GOT YOU IN A TINY CELL THAT RESISTS YOUR MAGIC. YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MIND-POWERS TO DO MORE THAN GIVE ME A HEADACHE. AND YOU WANT ME TO SURRENDER?
HE'S GOT YOU DEAD-TO-RIGHTS, MOGUL. YOU'VE GOT NOTHING.
I'LL THANK YOU TO KEEP YOUR IGNORANCE TO YOURSELF.
I WILL GIVE YOU THIS ONE CHANCE TO END THIS WITHOUT CONFRONTATION. CEDE TO MY DEMANDS, OR I SHALL RAISE MY NEW ITERATION OF THE FEARSOME FOURSOME TO DO MY BIDDING.
WHERE WOULD YOU FIND A NEW ...FEARSOME ...FOURSOME ...?
HAHAHA! SURE, MOGUL! SEND A BUNCH OF GUYS WHO ARE AS TRAPPED AS YOU ARE! OOOOH, I HOPE I CAN SLEEP TONIGHT! HA!

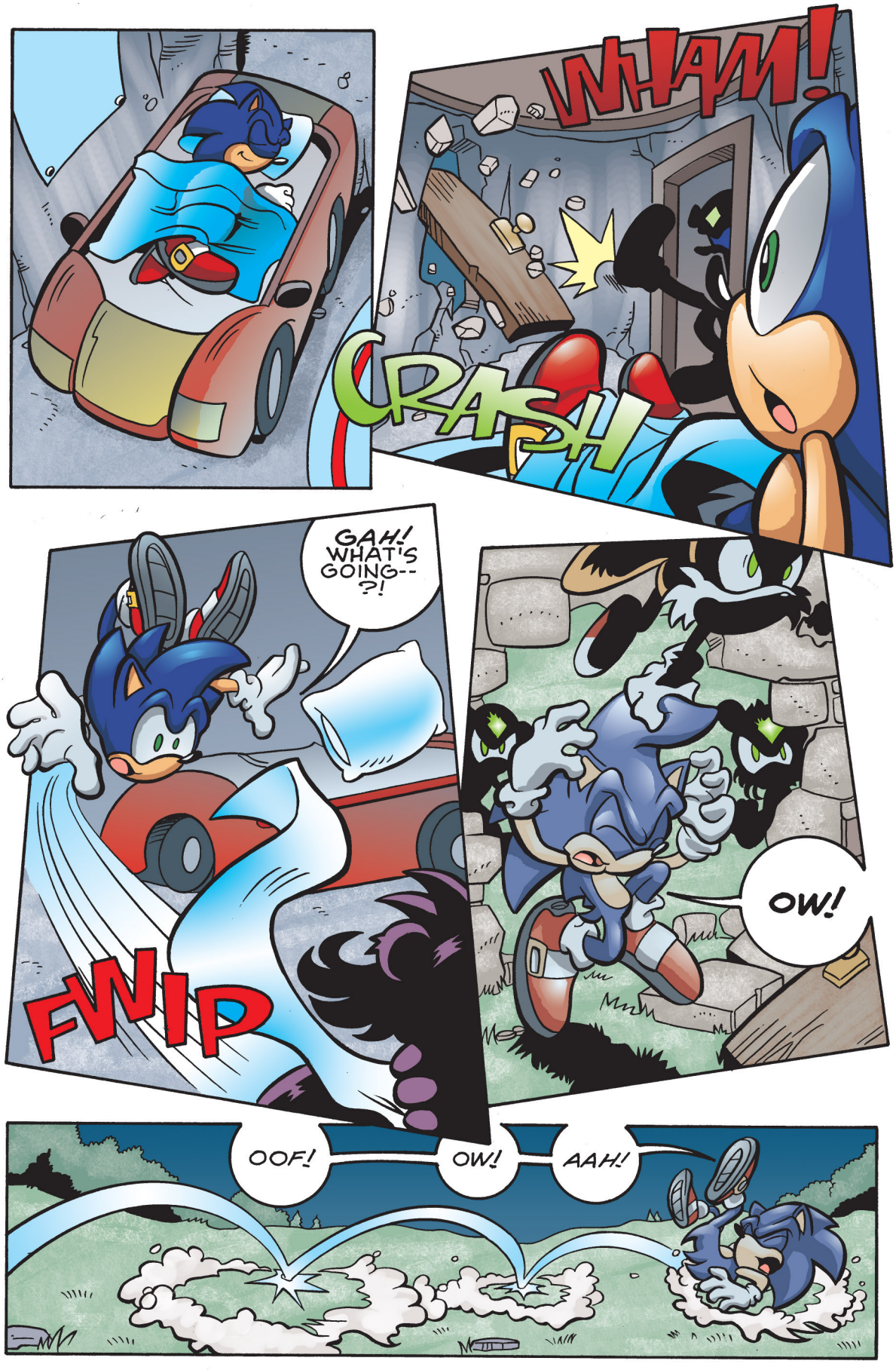

THAT NIGHT...
STUPID, SMUG HEDGEHOG. "I HOPE I CAN SLEEP TONIGHT." PUH. I WISH I COULD MAKE HIM EAT HIS WORDS.
THEN YOU SHOULD ENJOY THIS VICARIOUSLY.
YOU CAN'T DO DIDDLY. EVEN YOUR PSYCHICS OR WHATEVER DON'T HAVE THE RANGE TO DO ANYTHING.
TO MOST WOULD-BE-VICTIMS I WILL GRANT YOU THAT. HOWEVER, MY TELEPATHY CAN REACH TO THOSE I HAVE ALREADY MARKED.
WAIT... "MARKED" ...?
LET IT NEVER BE SAID I DO NOT PLAN WITHOUT CONTINGENCIES. THERE ARE MANY I HAVE SEEDED A TELEPATHIC BOND IN DURING MY TRAVELS.
ANYBODY I KNOW AND HATE?
MOST ASSUREDLY. I HAVE HAD MY RESPITE, AND I AM REJUVENATED. SONIC'S BRASHNESS HAS FORCED MY HAND. THUS I REACH ACROSS THE ETHER TO MY IMMINENT MINIONS...

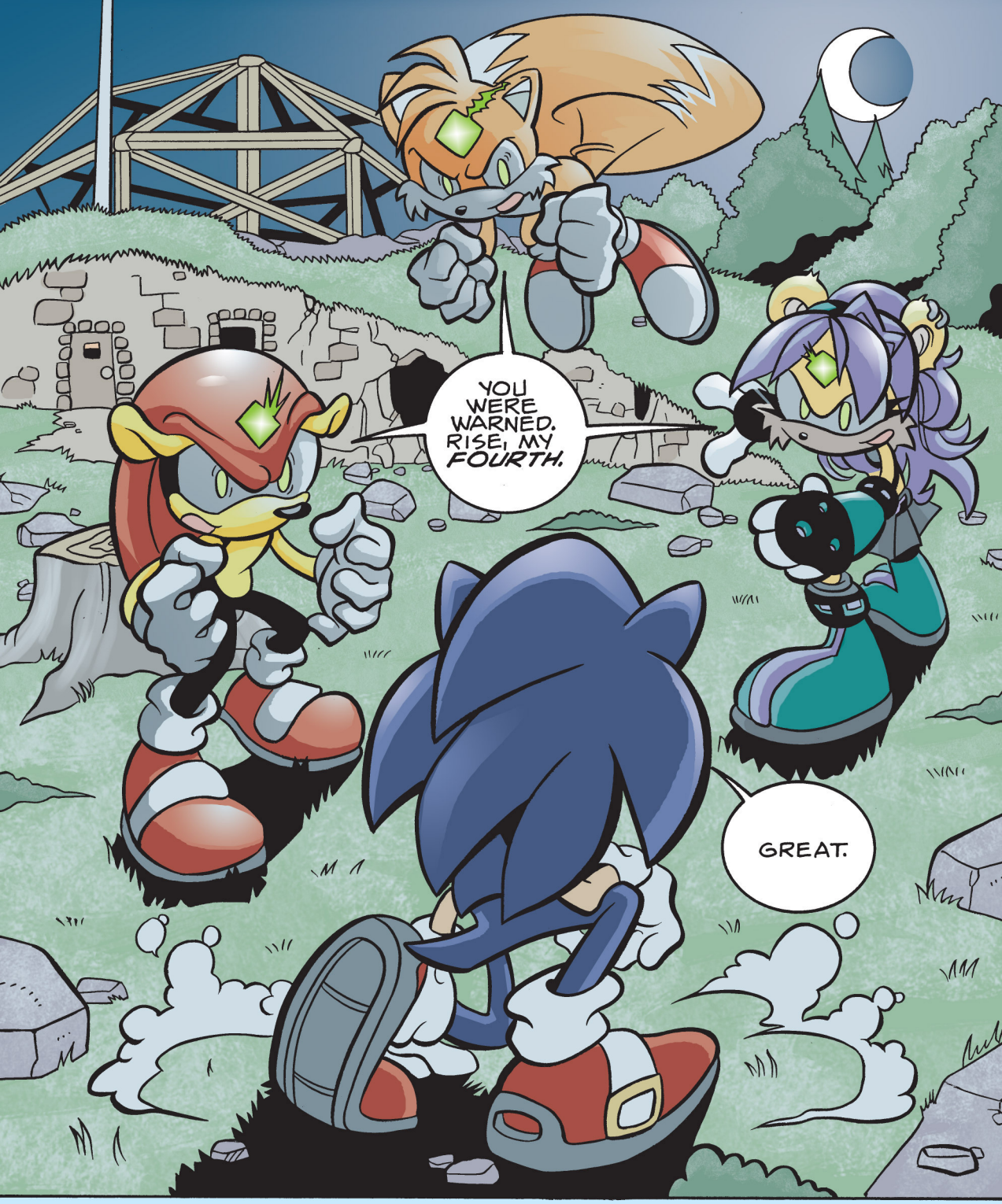

MINA... REMEMBER...
REMEMBER WHEN ROBOTNIK RECLAIMED HIS OLD CITY. REMEMBER HOW YOU SOUGHT YOUR DEAR MOTHER.
I FOUND YOU. I SAW YOUR POTENTIAL. I ENHANCED YOUR NATURAL PROWESS, BUT ROBBED YOUR MEMORY. THE BEST PAWNS ARE THE UNWITTING ONES.
YOU WOULD NOT STUMBLE UPON YOUR NEW POWER UNTIL LATER. YET YOU FAILED TO USE IT AND FOLLOWED YOUR HEART ELSE-WHERE. REMEMBER --AND I WILL UNDO THAT MISTAKE.
RISE, MY FIRST.
ZZZSNRK?


MIGHTY... REMEMBER...
YOU WERE TOO LITTLE TO REALIZE YOUR PARENTS' THIEVERY. YOU AND YOUR SISTER WERE OBLIVIOUS IN YOUR INNOCENCE.
YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE IMPRISONED. WHEN I FOUND YOU, ALL YOU WANTED WAS THE POWER TO SAVE THEM. REMEMBER NOW THAT I GAVE IT TO YOU.
SUCH FREAKISH STRENGTH FAILED TO LIBERATE THEM, AND MADE YOU A PARIAH. REMEMBER HOW YOU LEFT MERCIA AND WANDERED UNTIL YOU FOUND YOUR FINAL CHOICE OF EXILE.
NOW I'VE COME TO CLAIM YOU.
RISE, MY SECOND.

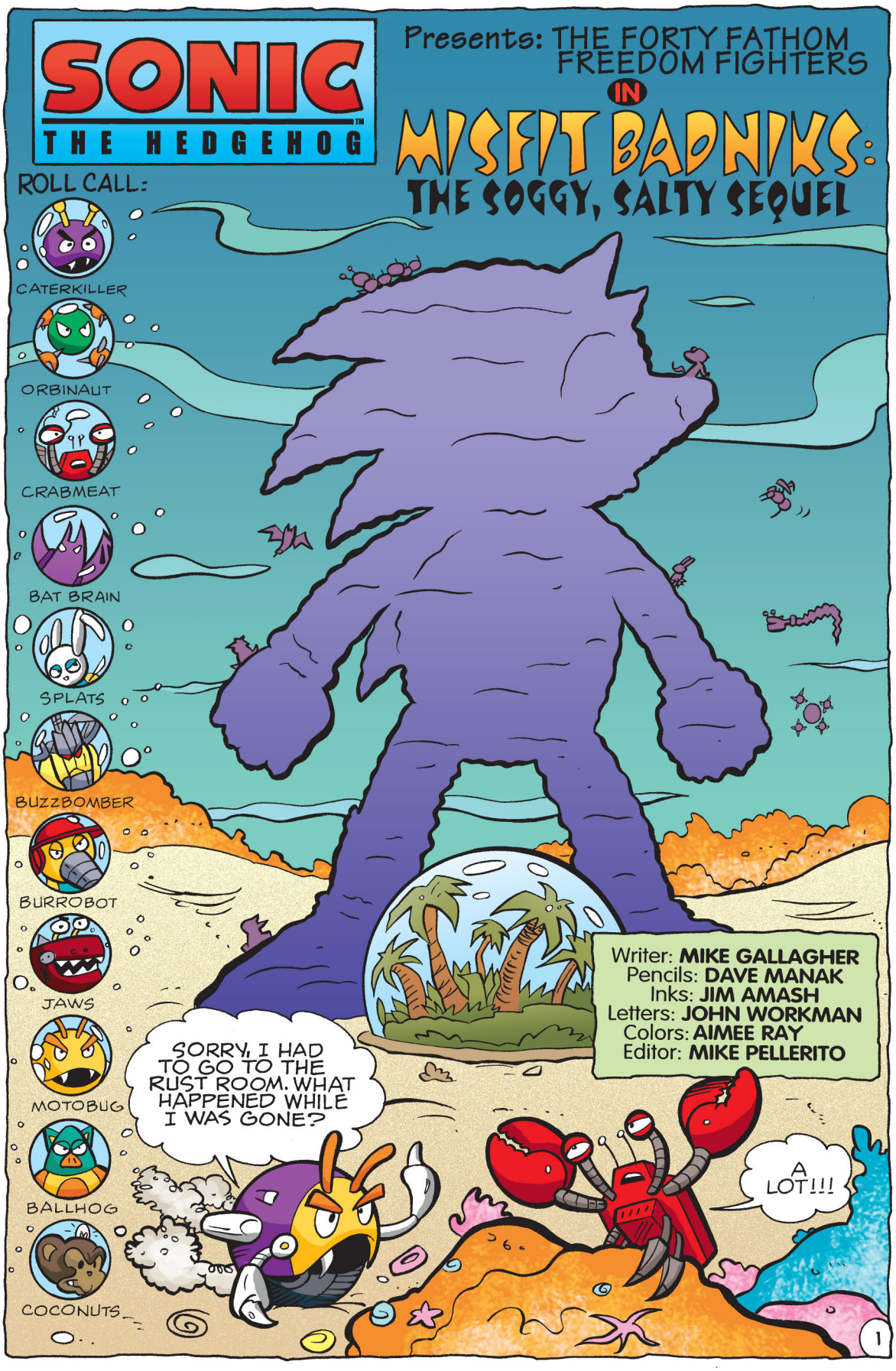

MILES... REMEMBER..
REMEMBER HOW YOU WERE SUMMONED TO CONTROL THE GUARDIAN WHEN HE FIRST LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWER. WHEN YOUR SUPER-TRANSFORMATION WAS FORCED, HOWEVER, I STEPPED IN AND PROVIDED A DOPPELGANGER.
YOUR POWER SUSTAINED ME DURING MY HOUR OF NEED, BUT I KNEW THE CHARADE WOULD NOT LAST FOREVER. SINCE THE "CHOSEN ONE" WOULD MAKE A VALUABLE ASSET, I MARKED YOU WHILE I COULD.
YOUR RESCUE WAS INEVITABLE, BUT NEITHER YOU NOR SONIC KNEW YOU WERE NOW BOUND TO ME. I SUMMON YOU NOW TO SERVE AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
RISE, MY THIRD.

THAT'S IT... NOW FOR THE *FOURTH*, HE WILL NEED CONVINCING...


WHAM!
CRASH
GAH! WHAT'S GOING--?!
FWIP
OW!
OOF!
OW!
AAH!



LOOKS LIKE SONIC'S FRIENDS HAVE HIM IN A TIGHT SPOT! JUST WHAT DOES MOGUL PLAN TO DO WITH HIS NEW FEARSOME FOURSOME, AND HOW WILL HE PERSUADE SONIC TO GO ALONG WITH IT? AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WILL OUR HERO BE ABLE TO BREAK MOGUL'S HOLD OVER HIS FRIENDS *AND* DEFEAT THE PERNICIOUS PACHYDERM? COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR THE SHOCKING CONCLUSION TO ***MOGUL RISING!***


SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
Presents: THE FORTY FATHOM FREEDOM FIGHTERS
IN
MISFIT BADNIKS:
THE SOGGY, SALTY SEQUEL
ROLL CALL:
CATERKILLER
ORBINAUT
CRABMEAT
BAT BRAIN
SPLATS
BUZZBOMBER
BURROBOT
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SORRY, I HAD TO GO TO THE RUST ROOM. WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS GONE?
A LOT!!!
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"REMEMBER WHEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND PSEUDO-SONIC DECIDED TO SETTLE THEIR FIGHT ON MISFIT ISLAND WITH A 'BIGHORN CHALLENGE!... *

"WE TOOK THE DAMAGED PSEUDO-SONIC AND SUBMERGED THE ISLAND TO REPAIR HIM. THAT'S WHEN BURROBOT NOTICED SOMETHING...

"WAY BACK WHEN, IVO ROBOTNIK HAD INSTALLED A 'RATIO REDOUBLING ROUTER' THAT CAUSES A ROBOT TO GROW GEOMETRICALLY. BURROBOT'S UNCLE HAD ONE JUST LIKE IT."**

TIK-TIK

"WE BROUGHT HIM OUTSIDE SO HE COULDN'T SHATTER THE DOME. WHEN WE HIT THE SWITCH, PSEUDO-SONIC BEGAN GROWING."

*AN "INSTANT CLASSIC" FROM STH #170: "ISLAND OF MISFIT BADNIKS." --ALEXANDER GRAHAM PELL

**CLIMB INTO THE WAYBACK MACHINE AND FIND STH #3-- OR BUY A COPY OF *SONIC FIRSTS*--OR THE CURRENT *SONIC ARCHIVES* #1...WOO HOO! A *TRIPLE PLUG!*--MP3.

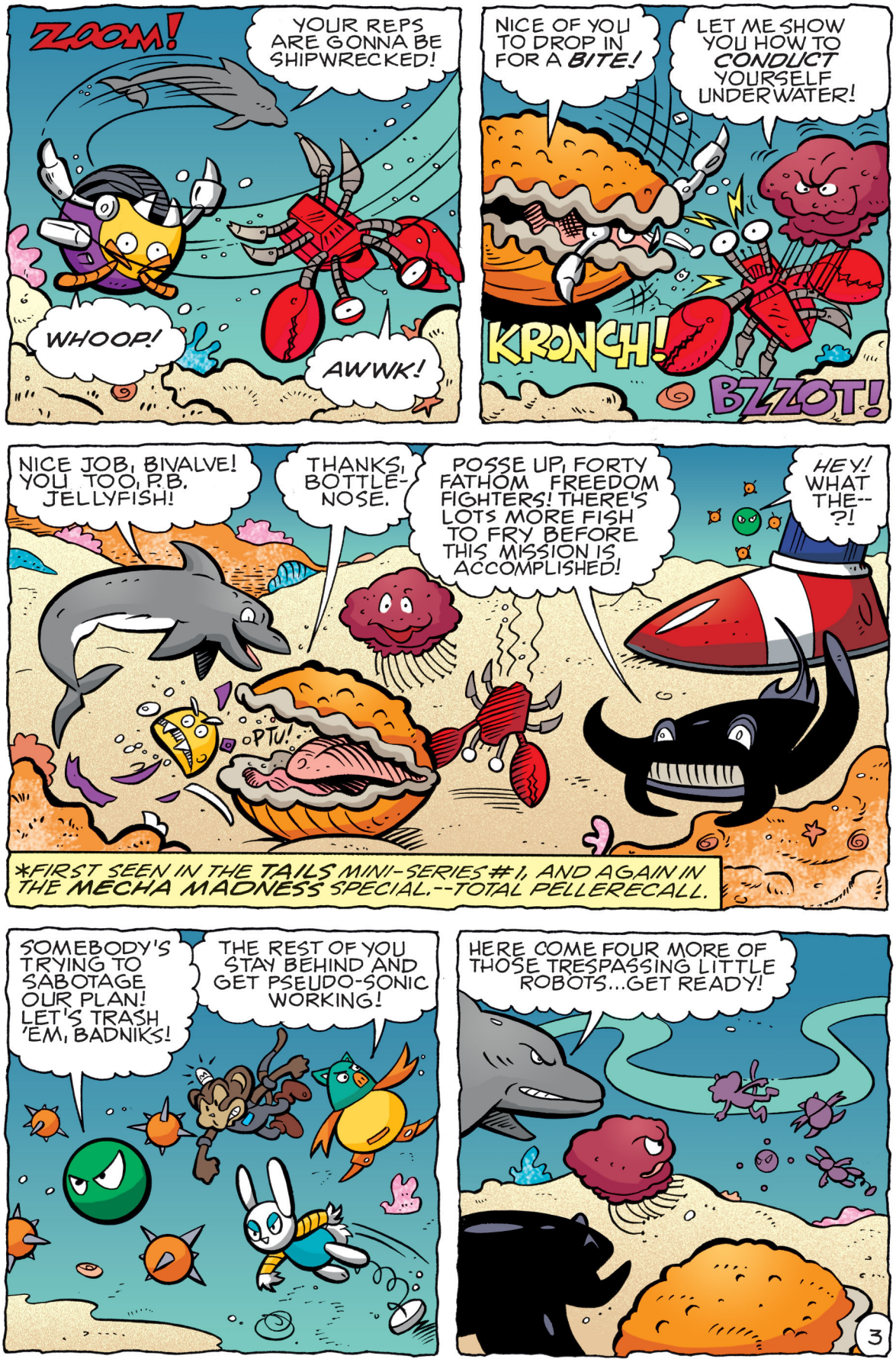
HOLY 10W-40! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM!

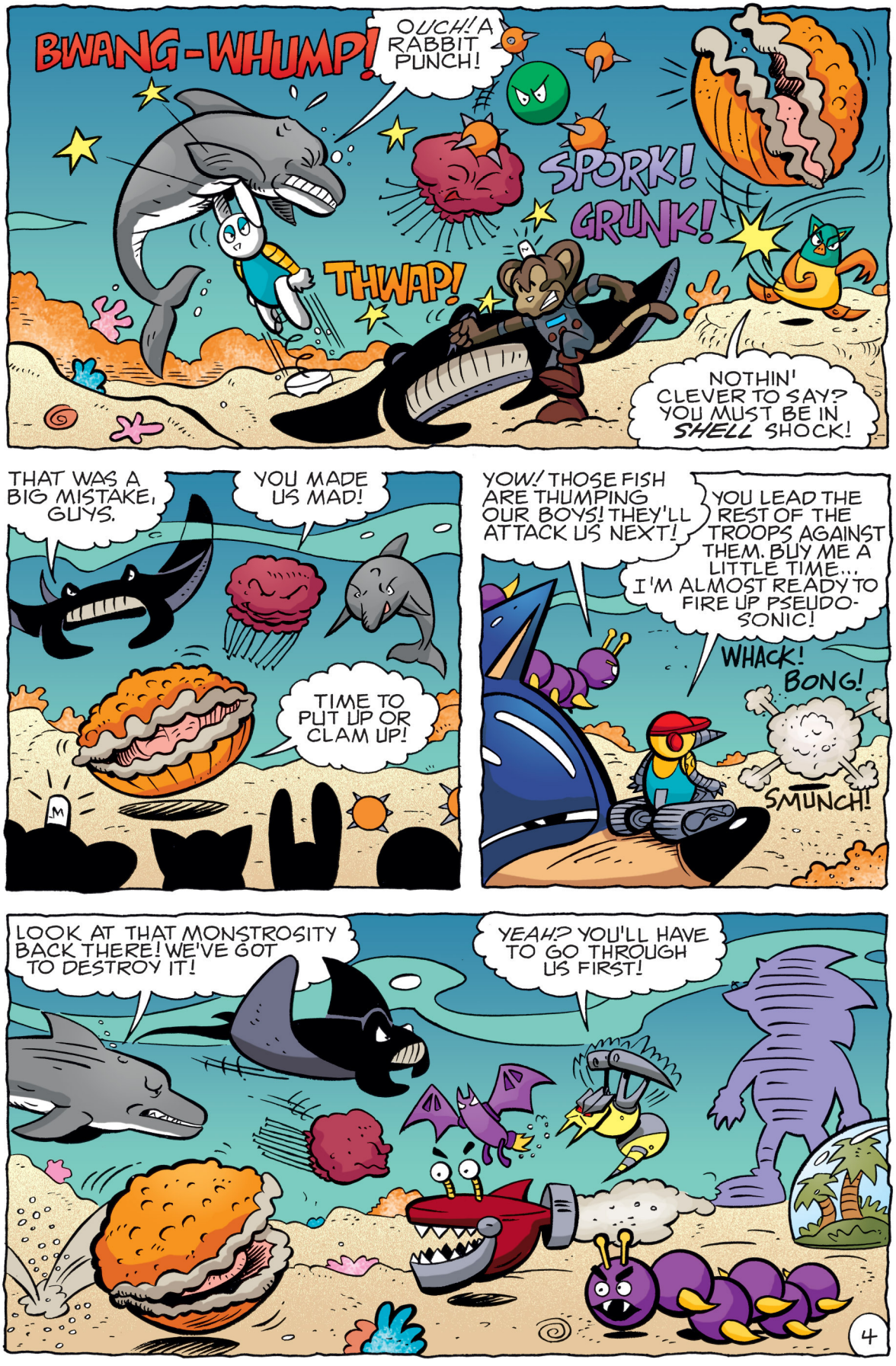
YEAH! JUST A LITTLE MORE TWEAKING, AND HE'LL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL!

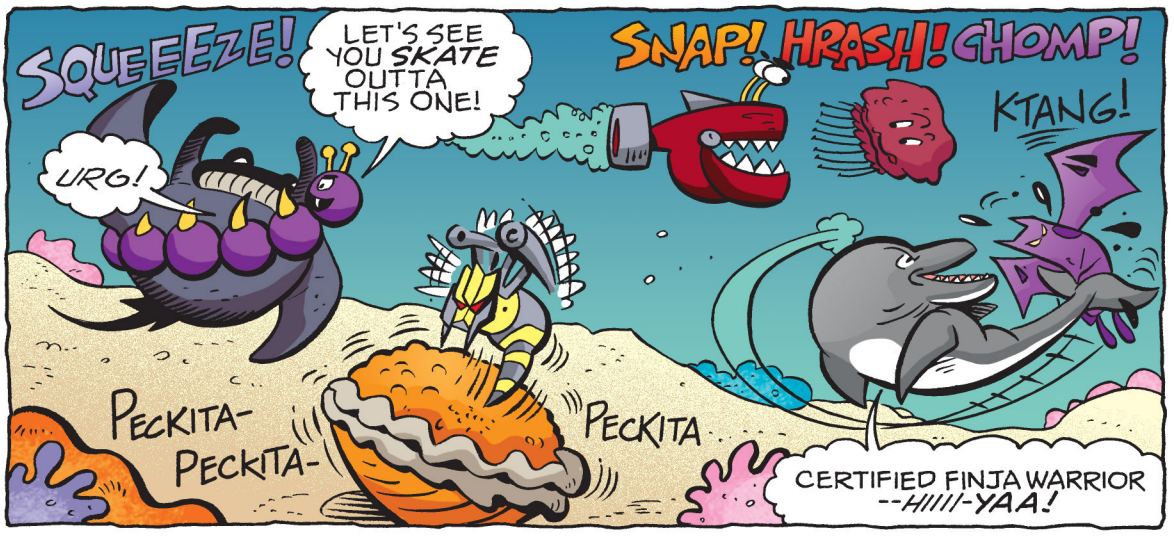
PSEUDO-SONIC'S GONNA BE THE BIGGEST, BADDEST FIGHTING MACHINE EVER!

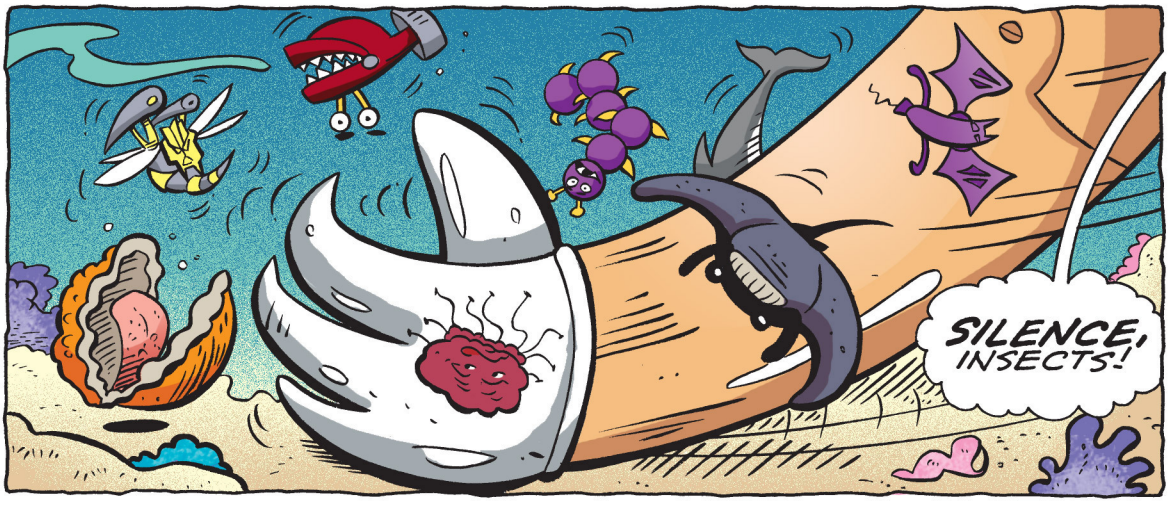
CLANK!

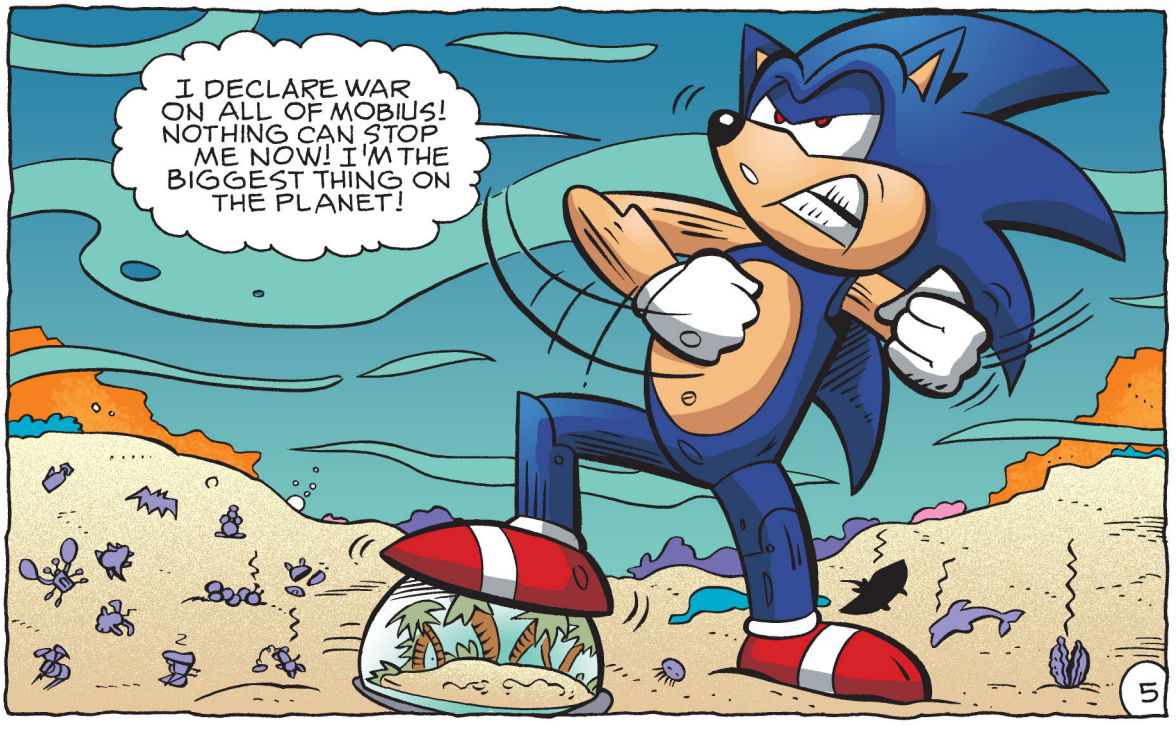
AND WHEN WE BADNIKS BRING HIM ASHORE AND TAKE OVER MOBIUS, OUR REPUTATIONS WILL BE RESTORED!

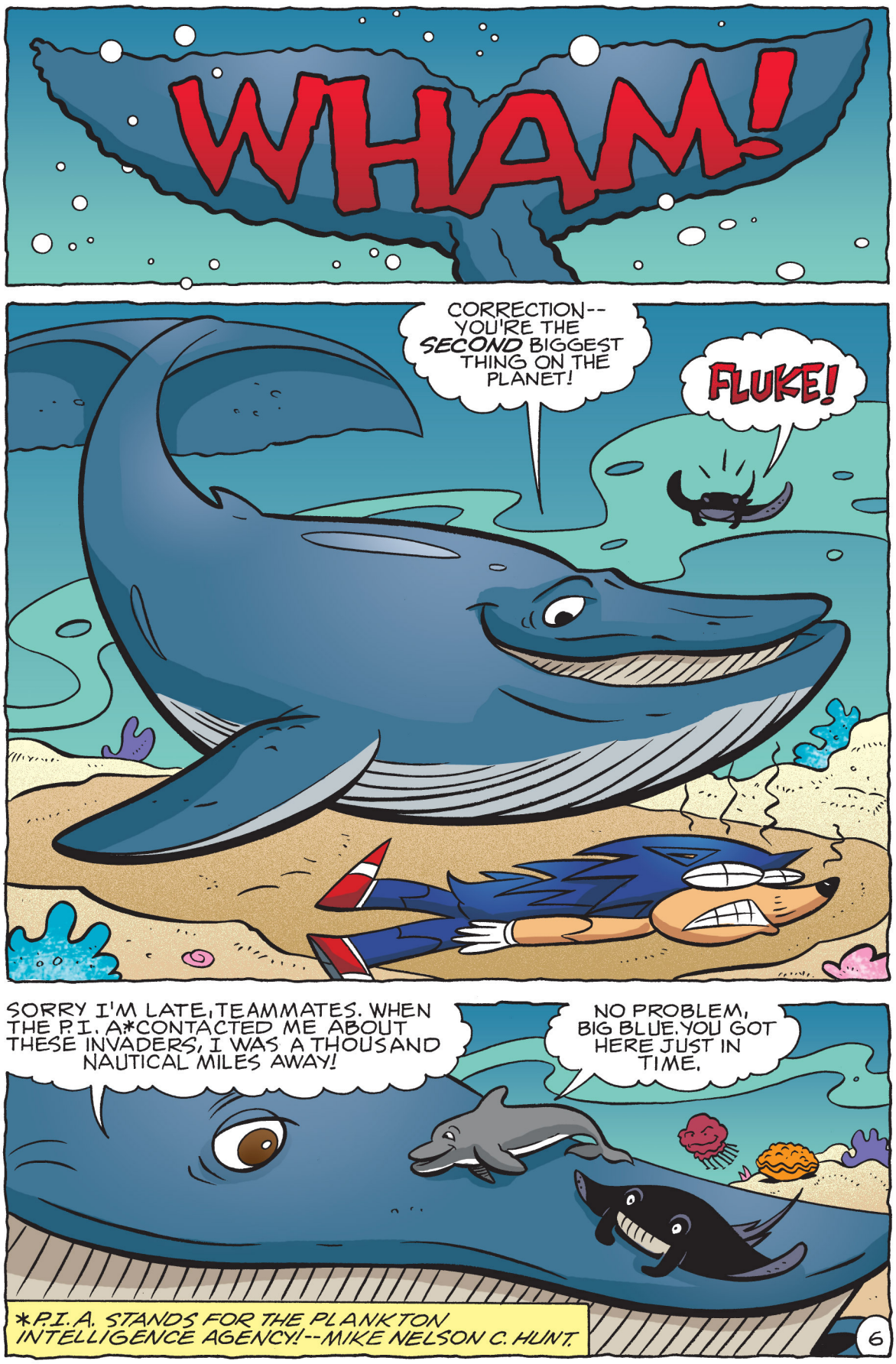

ZOOM!
YOUR REPS ARE GONNA BE SHIPWRECKED!
WHOOP!
AWWK!
NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN FOR A BITE!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO CONDUCT YOURSELF UNDERWATER!
KRONCH!
BZZOT!
NICE JOB, BIVALVE! YOU TOO, P.B. JELLYFISH!
THANKS, BOTTLE-NOSE.
POSSE UP, FORTY FATHOM FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THERE'S LOTS MORE FISH TO FRY BEFORE THIS MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED!
HEY! WHAT THE--?!
PTU!
*FIRST SEEN IN THE TAILS MINI-SERIES #1, AND AGAIN IN THE MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL.--TOTAL PELLERECALL.
SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO SABOTAGE OUR PLAN! LET'S TRASH 'EM, BADNIKS!
THE REST OF YOU STAY BEHIND AND GET PSEUDO-SONIC WORKING!
HERE COME FOUR MORE OF THOSE TRESPASSING LITTLE ROBOTS...GET READY!

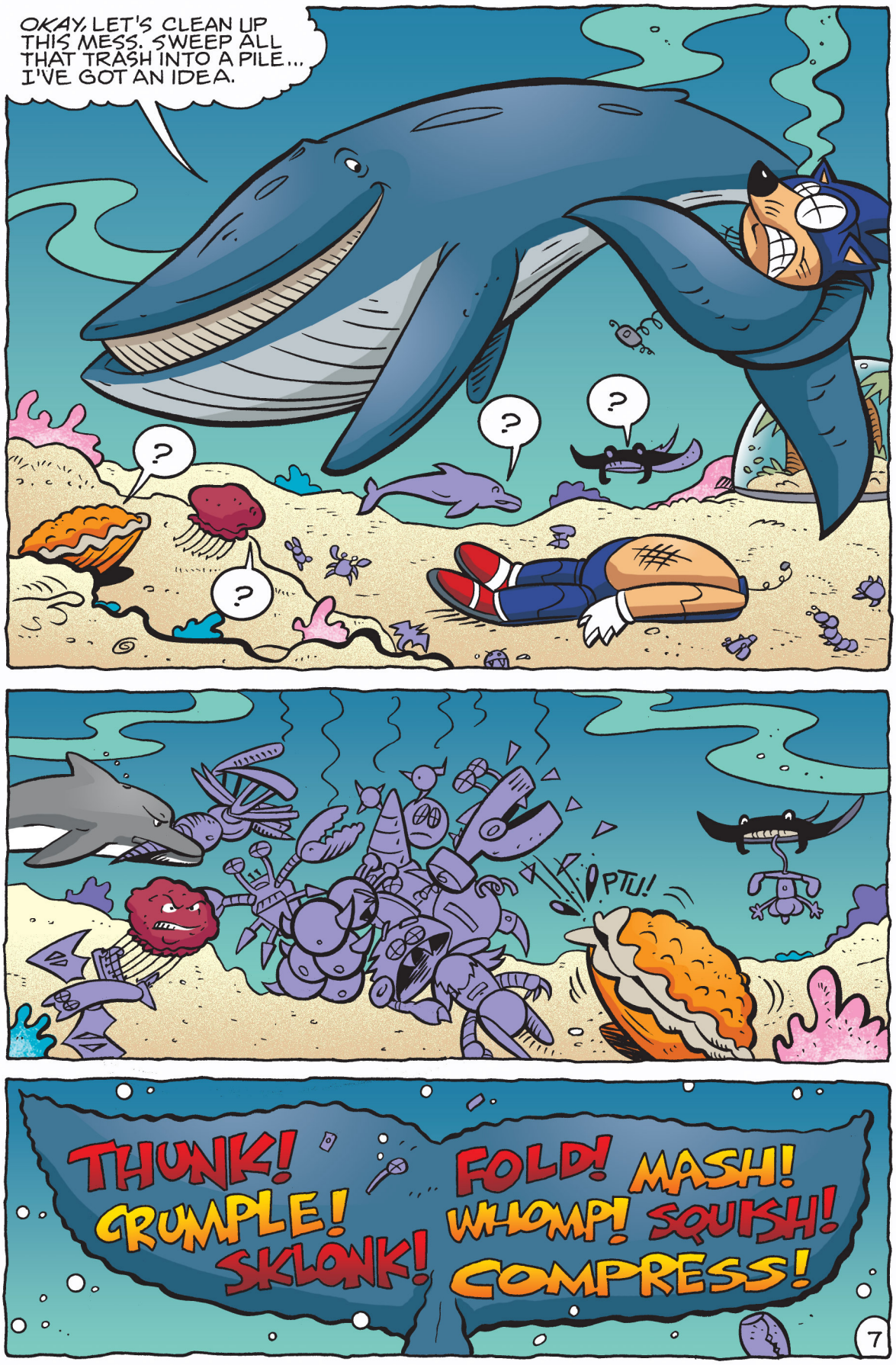

BWANG-WHUMP!
OUCH! A RABBIT PUNCH!
SPORK!
GRUNK!
THWAP!
NOTHIN' CLEVER TO SAY? YOU MUST BE IN SHELL SHOCK!
THAT WAS A BIG MISTAKE, GUYS.
YOU MADE US MAD!
TIME TO PUT UP OR CLAM UP!
YOW! THOSE FISH ARE THUMPING OUR BOYS! THEY'LL ATTACK US NEXT!
YOU LEAD THE REST OF THE TROOPS AGAINST THEM. BUY ME A LITTLE TIME... I'M ALMOST READY TO FIRE UP PSEUDO-SONIC!
WHACK!
BONG!
SMUNCH!
LOOK AT THAT MONSTROSITY BACK THERE! WE'VE GOT TO DESTROY IT!
YEAH? YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH US FIRST!


SQUEEEZE!
LET'S SEE YOU SKATE OUTTA THIS ONE!
SNAP! HRASH! CHOMP!
KTANG!
URG!
PECKITA-
PECKITA-
PECKITA
CERTIFIED FINJA WARRIOR --HIIII-YAA!


SILENCE, INSECTS!


I DECLARE WAR ON ALL OF MOBIUS! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW! I'M THE BIGGEST THING ON THE PLANET!


WHAM!
CORRECTION-- YOU'RE THE SECOND BIGGEST THING ON THE PLANET!
FLUKE!
SORRY I'M LATE, TEAMMATES. WHEN THE P.I.A.* CONTACTED ME ABOUT THESE INVADERS, I WAS A THOUSAND NAUTICAL MILES AWAY!
NO PROBLEM, BIG BLUE. YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.
*P.I.A. STANDS FOR THE PLANKTON INTELLIGENCE AGENCY!--MIKE NELSON C. HUNT.


OKAY, LET'S CLEAN UP THIS MESS. SWEEP ALL THAT TRASH INTO A PILE... I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
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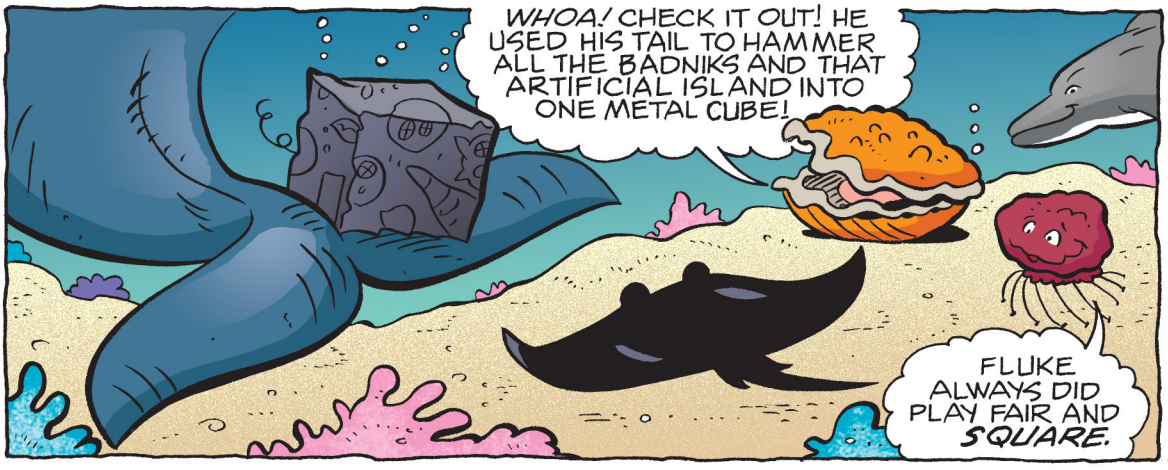
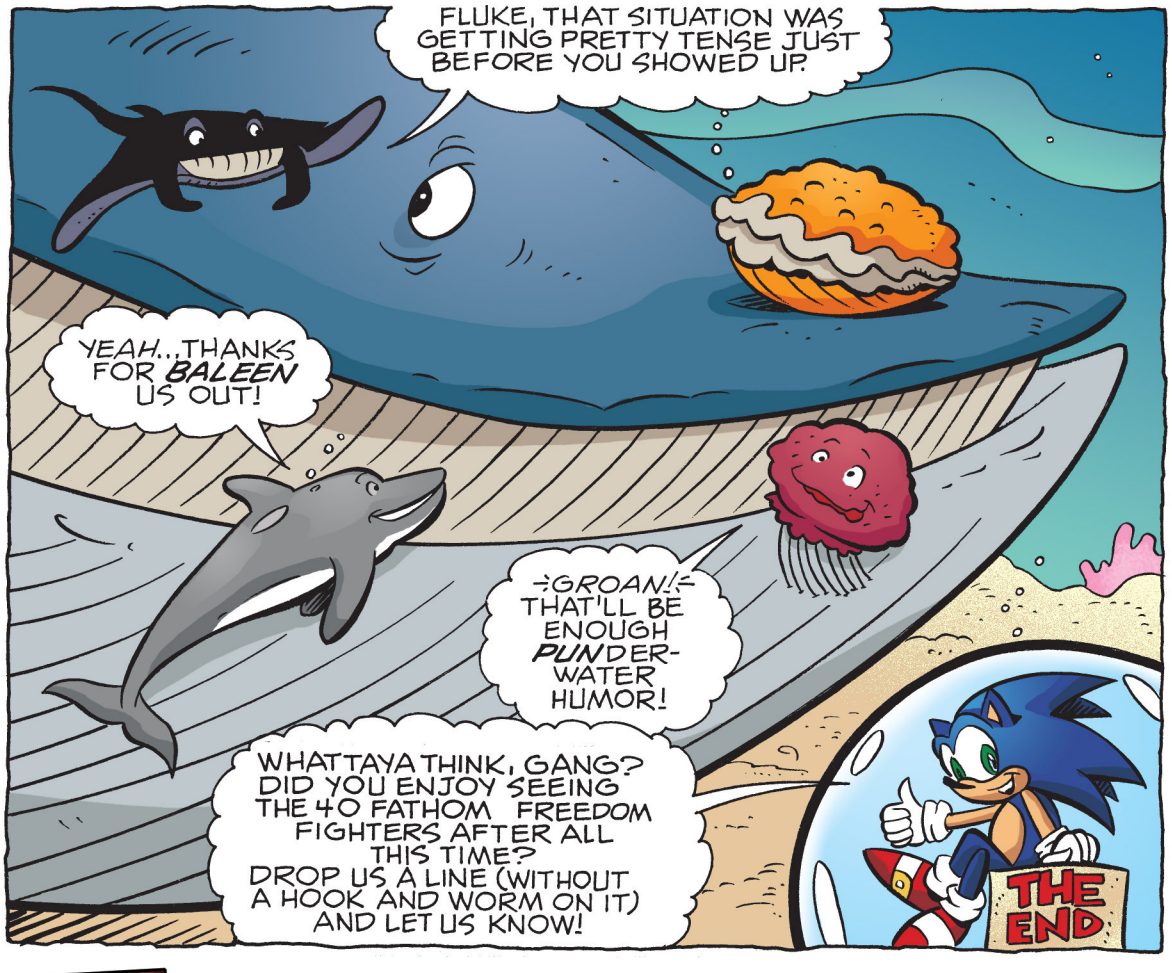
PTU!
THUNK!
CRUMPLE!
SKLONK!
FOLD!
WHOMP!
MASH!
SQUISH!
COMPRESS!


WHOA! CHECK IT OUT! HE USED HIS TAIL TO HAMMER ALL THE BADNIKS AND THAT ARTIFICIAL ISLAND INTO ONE METAL CUBE!
FLUKE ALWAYS DID PLAY FAIR AND SQUARE.


FLUKE, THAT SITUATION WAS GETTING PRETTY TENSE JUST BEFORE YOU SHOWED UP.
YEAH... THANKS FOR BALEEN US OUT!
÷GROAN!÷ THAT'LL BE ENOUGH PUNDER-WATER HUMOR!
WHATTAYA THINK, GANG? DID YOU ENJOY SEEING THE 40 FATHOM FREEDOM FIGHTERS AFTER ALL THIS TIME? DROP US A LINE (WITHOUT A HOOK AND WORM ON IT) AND LET US KNOW!
THE END

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